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1. The DSU[1] has initiated an intensive campaign to have all of its personnel submit the required forms for the issuance of Schifferdienstbuecher.[2] The regulation requiring DSU personnel to apply for Schifferdienstbuecher has been in existence since April 1954. Now a barge man has a stamp placed on his PAD[3] when he receives the application form from his regional office. A second stamp is placed on the PAD when the completed application is turned back to the DSU regional office. All DSU bargemen entering the Osthafen in Berlin during February 1955 had their documents checked in order to see if they had submitted their applications for Schifferdienstbuecher.

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2. The issuance of the Schifferdienstbuecher will make this document a valid passport for travel to Poland on a DSU or DOS barge. It is felt that the issuance of Schifferdienstbuecher is also designed to serve as a control mechanism through which bargemen can be induced to stay with their trade. With the issuance of the Schifferdienstbuecher, the Arbeitsbuch will be turned in to the DSU. Without an Arbeitsbuch, a bargeman will not be able to indicate that he has any other trade.

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1. Deutsche Umschlagsbetriebszentrale
2. Boatman's pass.
3. Personalausweis: identity card
4. Work permit

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